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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated October 20, 2004 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Applicants submit herewith (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months from January 20, 2005 to and including April 20, 2005 (in duplicate) accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (2) a Notice of Appeal From the Primary Examiner To the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate) with a provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required for filing this Amendment. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge the necessary fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.